



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN REPAIR IN RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD

December 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Following is an update on City operations related to the 54-inch sewer main repair, located on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way in the Rio Vista neighborhood.

Repair Activities

- The damaged portion of the 54-inch sewer main has been taken out of the ground and removed from the construction site.
- Crews have assembled a new section of pipe, measuring approximately 25.5 linear feet, that will replace the damaged portion of pipe.
- A relief valve saddle has been installed on the new section of pipe along with components to connect it to the existing 54-inch pipe.
- Crews have positioned the new pipe in the ground and work will continue to stabilize it, secure it in place, and connect it to the existing pipe.
- Crews will perform a 2-inch line tap on the relief valve saddle so that a valve can be installed to help regulate pressure in the pipe.
- Once the pipe is secured and connected, activities will focus on preparing for the deactivation of the 32-inch bypass line which will send the flow back through the new section of pipe.
- The wastewater collection system continues to function properly, and staff will continue to monitor system operations while the repair work progresses.

Site Operations

- Neighbors are reminded that the area on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way remains an active construction zone. For the safety of everyone, access to the construction area is limited to appropriate operational and management personnel.
- Pipes, pumps, hoses, tools and equipment have been removed from the site as part of cleanup activities.
- Stormwater staff was on site today inspecting tidal valves and performing cleaning and maintenance activities on catch basins in the affected area.

Cleanup and Remediation

- Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) conducted cleaning, disinfection, and pressure washing of roads, sidewalks, swale areas, and driveways on the south side of Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 11 Street.
- Aeration operations continued in the Tarpon River and New River to help improve water quality.
- Boats continued to patrol the canal system in and around Rio Vista conducting skimming and debris removal on the waterways.

Garbage and Yard Waste Collection for Friday, December 20

- Garbage and yard waste collection will take place tomorrow, Friday, December 20, for properties in the affected area on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way.

-Neighbors are asked to assist by placing their black garbage carts and green yard waste carts where they are easily visible, as close to the roadway as possible, but without blocking traffic on Ponce de Leon Drive. Carts must be placed out by 7:00 a.m.

-City staff will assist in cart collections on the north side of Ponce de Leon Drive by bringing the carts for servicing to the south side of the road and then returning them to their original location.

-Neighbors in the affected area with questions about garbage or yard waste collection may call the City's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

Road Closure

-Ponce de Leon Drive remains closed between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way while the repair work progresses.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities

-A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.

-The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Water-related activities including swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, and canoeing should be avoided within these boundaries.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

Links:

-To view updates on the City's website, please visit <http://bit.ly/2rBJhLk>.

-To view photos of the operation, please visit <http://bit.ly/2tr4059>.

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